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Man in Life and Space

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TO ARM OURSELVES FOR THE FUTURE

WE ARE commencing our second volume today and shall this year discuss some natural approaches to man's problems. As our review is not a scientific journal, we need not be extraordinarily systematic. We shall take it easy. We shall take in the views & angles, then concentrate on the practical aspects. There will lie many steps ahead which we can take, many we should take if our intention is serious, our meaning sincere, to apply cosmic knowledge in our lives.

It cannot be repeated too often that the troubles of our present times will be nothing compared to those which are yet to emerge. The causes of developments in the next twenty-five years have been laid long, long ago. What we are privileged to watch now in our days is but the beginning of the consummation of effects, the magnitude of which both in extent as well as in intensity has had nothing - if we are not completely mistaken - of its kind ever before. This planet has seen many civilizations rise and fall, minor ones and major ones. There were, as it appears, at least two of them whose downfall was actually concluded or at least overshadowed, by excessive release of atomic energy in the very sense and term of our modern age. Almost no evidence of conventional kind was left by them to bear witness to what has happened in detail, telling man of today how and why those had perished who tread the evil path before. If we do want to learn more about these dimmed stretches in history, we have to turn to well-guarded, and to cosmic sources. But regardless of any difficulty in reaching them, enough has been taught us, enough has been said and given out by those rare human beings of times gone by, whose eminence might not have been recognised by their contemporaries, but whose words of wisdom are as rooted in man's consciousness as is the tree of life in the fastnesses of the universe.

In facing reality with its future trends already traceable on the screen of our attention, and living as we do our very tangible personal lives, the natural question will be: how are we going to meet this coming period, how are we to arm ourselves so as to be able to ward off all influences detrimental and retarding to our unfoldment, how can we make ourselves as resistant as possible and be a virtual rock in the stream of events, content within, of positive help to others? Let us set out together on a search for the answers.

It is one of the least understandable facts in this materialistic age that Man should direct so many efforts of scientific & technical nature toward ends which spell his very doom. This is indubitably clear to every sane and balanced mind, except those actually engaged in the hellish game, as it seems.

Man wanted to find out everything about Life. What did he do? He killed its forms from cells to human beings, only to find corpses. He searched it for the clues to his own illnesses but again tortured & dissected it to horrifying degrees without getting an answer, unless it was that Life subjected him to even greater suffering. And now that the motives for exploiting A-power have changed from mere fear into studied folly, Man's DISREGARD for Life is driven to its height. Thus has he lost the knowledge of the Purpose of his Existence which in effect means that he has gone mad. No end is in sight for a bomb test stop and the mutilation of Life continues on such a vast scale that the more evident the hideous results become, the greater must be Man's ultimate despair.

In desperation's last act Man will destroy himself - unless ever more individuals turn back to sanity by RESPECTING Life with a renewed and almost fanatical determination.

A GROUP of more than 50 top commercial airline pilots, all veterans of more than 15 years with major companies, blasted the United States Air Force policy of tight censorship, bush-off and denial in regard to UFO's as "bordering on the absolute ridiculous", said staff writer John Lester in the Newark 'Star-Ledger', New Jersey. In a recent series of articles on the UFO-situation in the USA, he disclosed so many new facets that repercussions are already being felt amongst Senators and Congressmen. The call for public hearings is gaining momentum.

The "Star-Ledger" is in possession of all the pilots' names but it was agreed that they should only be released if and when the strict silence ban is lifted.

One of them termed the Air F. policy "a lesson in lying, intrigue & the Big Brother attitude carried to the ultimate extreme". Each of them has sighted at least 1 UFO, the majority several. "We are ordered to report all UFO sightings," one said, "but when we do we are usually

treated like incompetents and told to keep quiet".

"This is no fun, especially after many hours of questioning. You're tired. You've just come in from a gruelling flight, anxious to get home to the wife & kids. But you make your report ...and the AF tells you that the thing that paced your plane for 15 minutes was a mirage or a bolt of lightning!"

(Military pilots can still be fined 10 years or \$10,000 for talking about their sightings.)

WE ARE continuing with our answers and the discussion of what we called "Psychicism in UFOlogy" last time (APPROACH I, No 12).

For certain reasons, so we said, space travellers in our system would not establish contacts by "voices, visions, on astral flights, in dreams, trances", or via 3rd persons. The point was raised that George Adamski very well claims to have been in telepathic contact with

them. How would this agree, or what is the difference?

The answer is that there indeed is a vast difference: G.A. has developed the faculty to such a degree that with it he is in complete control of his mind while the others of which we are speaking, are not!

"Do you mean to say that the psychic faculties of those others do not lead to mind control?" - Exactly. - "But isn't telepathy also a psychic faculty?" - Words, friends, words! It is, let me say: yes & no. YES, inasmuch as psychic people & sensitives are easily influenced by telepathic impressions, and much more often than they seem to be able to recognise. NO, because by proper definition telepathy is the conscious and controlled use of mind energy, chiefly for the purpose of communicative and intelligible exchange. To be able to do this you must not only have learned how to master your mind but first have learned what the mind is & how it works. You can test this by asking the voice-hearers & trance-contactees in UFology to explain to you what mind is and how mind works! So many you ask so many divergent answers you will get! What they do is like fiddling with the controls of a radio set - anything and everything of receivable frequency may pass through, & out of the loudspeaker. It needs something else to work the controls intelligently. This is done by the reasoning mind which is connected with mastership and discrimination, with the ability to create order out of chance and chaos. In order to suffer any kind of psychic manifestation you are in no need of these mind qualities - but without them you are unable to bring order into the psychic force fields, let alone use them as a tool.

Consider this: GA developed these mind qualities as his instrument. Before however, the Brothers began to rely on THIS instrument, they tested it and 'examined' him in a face-to-face meeting. Allingham had also been tested but he failed! Thus, any telepathic or suchlike contact claims with these preliminary testings face to face being absent, can be dismissed at once.

"I wonder if mind control then is a matter of training?"

Training is not enough; it is a matter of all-round development of potentialities. You can train the brain of a dog to let him perform a

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good lot of amusing tricks but to make of him a mindful 'personality', able to interrelate what he has learned and to understand its rational would require development, not training. You can train yourself to an incredible degree of memory efficiency - but may not have scored a single point in mind control! You can train your brain to cut loose the tie of consciousness, to listen in to auditory force fields, to "see" the figure of a Saint, to "converse" with the "spirits" of "summerland" - and yet may not have gained one grain in reason, in understanding, in refinedness, in culture, in taste and in spiritual knowledge, remaining the same old bum you have always been...

"If I may interrupt! This is of utmost importance to me personally. Would you then advise not to enter upon any course of psychic development, as sitter, medium, clairvoyant, healer, etc.?"

It is prudent to never give advice! The most we may do is put things, lay them bare before the reason of the other's mind as everyone has to follow the path of his own inner man. And now for your question. What did you hope to gain by letting yourself be 'developed' as a 'sitter' or a medium? - "Well, as I saw it, become a connecting link to the spirit worlds, become a helper of others..!" - Good. I put it to you: do you think that for any man to become a helper of his fellow-men it would be inevitably necessary to become a sitter or medium first? - "No, but in that position you might be able to do so much more!" - I don't want to make you blush by asking to exactly describe to us: 'so much WHAT more?' You are no medium yet but even many a medium might be hard put to satisfy this our curiosity! So we'll let that pass. Instead tell me, who do you think did more for mankind, Mozart or Shakespeare? - "Well..." - Yes, difficult to say! Or who did more: Einstein or Gandhi, Schweitzer or Michelangelo? - "I feel I would rather say Gandhi & Albert Schweitzer." - Why? Who can tell us?... Well, is it not that we feel that with

Gandhi & Schweitzer a little bit more love, ever such a bit more selflessness have come into this world? Further: who was the greatest healer we know of for the last 2,000 years? Surely Jesus of Nazareth. Now, did he perhaps tell us anywhere that if we wanted to become a helper of mankind a psychic person should first develop us? No, he said no such thing! And so it is well worth observing that neither Jesus nor any of those others mentioned has ever been a sitter or medium. It would follow from these examples alone that those characteristics which go into the making of a helper and healer of men can be acquired without taking refuge to psychic development. The two outstanding characteristics - as we found, and apart from other aspects - are of such an order that they can be expressed and exercised by anyone, no matter where or what he be: they are love & selflessness. A deaf, dumb & blind person, though awkwardly handicapped in many respects, can express them equally well as might a 'fully developed' mediumistic person.

Thus the groundwork has to take place on a level which is accessible to any- and everyone; the psychic person, whether by talent or through development, has no advantage over anybody else. Does this answer your problem?

"Yes, thank you... Yet you yourself spoke of development a while ago...!" - Of the mind, of the all-round potentialities, yes!! We must not forget that with any kind of psychic or mediumistic manifestation we are dealing with a department of lower order. The mind, as an organ, is superior to them. It would follow that it is the proper authority to which they are subject. Precisely this is what ancient doctrine has forever been teaching, what is still being confirmed by mind-developed persons such as Yogis, namely: know thyself, unfold all-round, develop mind control - and at the appropriate time all the so-called psychic faculties will automatically be at your command if, then, YOU REALLY HAD USE for them!

"To repeat then, mediumship would not necessarily lead to the mastership of one's higher personality?" - Correct. Unless, though, one is fortunate in realising that mediumship is only a stage through which one must pass, & the sooner the better. An eminent writer of the last century, well-taught in this subject, put it more concretely: 'Mediumship is the opposite of adeptship. The medium is the passive instrument of foreign influences, the adept actively controls himself and all inferior potencies'. This makes it clear enough. - "Indeed, it does."

"I feel like this: Adamski says he is in telepathic contact with our friends from space, some others claim the same, adding that they received wonderful teachings and instructions. Many also say they have at least 'compelling feelings' and then often enough seem to discover a space ship. Are these after all no spiritual communications, un-physical in quality?" - The words 'spirit' & 'spiritual' are very much misused these days and many of the controversies spring from carelessness in the use of terminology. Let us say: you stand in the street, somebody watches you, you feel it, you turn round & see him, it's a stranger - is all this 'spiritual communication'? Yes, you see, you may very well scratch your head! If it IS, then I grant you that all the claims enumerated above may fall under this heading; if it is NOT, and instead you prefer to speak of the natural energies of mind level (in Latin: *spiritus*), then we can make some headway in better understanding the facts:- As for Adamski and the others, we did mark out the difference. As for the claim that our friends & Brothers up there seek channels of 'spiritual communication' with us, we disposed of this as being unacceptable last time already. Next, if your perception is acute enough to tell you of the presence of space ship energy fields, or of our Brothers' thoughts & thinking, then truly you have something to go by. Good. As for the 'wonderful instructions and teachings' - we'll look into this next time.

Space Ship Field News

According to a privately received report, a space ship accompanied an airliner on its scheduled flight from Cape Town to Windhoek, SWA, for 20min. in the beginning of March. No reports have been published. We are investigating.

A member of the Diplomatic Corps, Pretoria, watched a scout ship through his binoculars on a farm in Potgietersrus district beginning of April. His daughter saw it first. Apparent height: 3000 ft.; apparent size: like a football. Gliding slowly right overhead, one part revolving distinctly, it was surrounded by a golden reflection. Disappeared fast straight up into a blue sky.

New friend Hélène Bilger, JHB, tells of a sighting in July '58: "A batch of white clouds in the most radiant blue sky. Something was strange about them, as they were illuminated with a beautiful white light. We saw a greyish disc amongst them, $\frac{3}{4}$ of it visible. As we watched it slowly disappeared but the clouds were still illuminated for quite a while after it had gone!"

Comments: hovering ship surrounded by condensation cloud in humid winter air which throughout reflected glow of ionized atmospheric gases; the reaction lasted after the ship had gone. Low temperatures are conducive to these electrical phenomena.

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Happy news reached me from Dr T Lobsang Rampa, author of "The Third Eye" & the account "Journey into Space" (APPROACH I: 4, 5). Having left Ireland some time ago he now has settled down in another country. He said the constant "snooping of the press had driven him away", it almost reporting how many times a day he sneezed!

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One press report though tells of the many friends he left behind near Dublin. Several people described him as "one of the most decent persons" they have ever met. Another said "he kept to himself but was a wonderful man to talk to once he knew you". After much delay his 2nd book, "Doctor from Lhasa", is expected to be published in May, in London. He has promised us more articles for APPROACH later on.

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Rey d'Aquila, our liaison lady for the Netherlands, reports of the wonderful opportunity of GA meeting Queen Juliana who has appointed an audience for May, 18. This event will not be without beneficial consequences to the cause. The Queen is widely known to be deeply interested in spiritual and cosmic life.

No news have reached us yet from Australia & the result of GA's tour there. We are looking forward to hear much from England soon where he is now.

"Africa Region Liaison Group"

As we are supporting the idea of a first, world-wide International Contact Day, to be held on Whitsuntide weekend, May 17, friends are invited to fall in with this plan and organise outings in smaller or wider circles. It does not matter whether you prefer to go out by yourself or to join a group, so long as you keep your thoughts trained on the space visitors and a friendly, receptive welcome!

Centre Organisers are requested to take the initiative in organising things. Friends of the Johannesburg/Pretoria area are enjoined not to forget to send in the particulars as requested to Mr C.A. Bunton, organising the Combined Outing to a place halfway between PTA and the Rand.

We are sorry to hear of Mr A. van Stolk's, CT, failing health and wish him speedy recovery!

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WHY STAFFORDSHIRE OF ALL PLACES?

GAVIN GIBBONS: The Coming of the Space Ships. Neville Spearman, London 1956. Edited by the author & with the same publisher, 1957: They Rode in Space Ships. (15/6 & 18/6, respectively, APP-ROACH's Book Order Service.)

A learned and widely travelled man, with several languages at his command, an undeniable romantic touch in treatment and ease and fluency in style, proud Welsh author Gibbons arrests our undivided attention when presenting the case of 'flying saucers'. He tells of his own sightings and thumbs through the English as well as world catalogue. In his far-flung net of investigations the highly interesting Ranton case was certainly the biggest he landed, it being a sensational confrontation between earthlings & space people. Hearing what seemed to be a jet engine, Mrs. J. Roestenberg & her 3 children ran outside. A round space ship, however, motion- & noiseless, hung above their heads and over the house. Two people were looking out of a window, with high foreheads and: "...what appeared strangest of all to the little group of watchers on the ground was the unsmiling expression on the faces of the men from the sky. Sternly they gazed down at the Roestenberg family, not in an unkindly fashion, but almost sadly compassionately."

The author contributes his theory that space ships will land en masse one day in the Staffordshire area because - well, there have been so many sightings! The logic of this argument, of course, is not very convincing. I remember the early days in UFOlogy when we often tended to jump to conclusions. Today we have learned to balance our views. As is clear from his second book, though, our author still clings to his above theory with as little true support to show

as before. His editing here of the stories of 2 contact claimants, Dan Fry & Truman Bethurum, is hardly as successful & engaging as one might have expected. He comes forward in unerring support of both, punctuating his comments with questions something like this: "Now, doesn't this sound convincing?", and NO is the compelling answer in the reader's mind! His method to force upon us his personal designations for scout craft & motherships, viz. vimana, vunu, etc., by putting them into the mouths of "Aylan" & "Aura Rhanes", the above-mentioned claimants' contacts, is also highly objectionable & certainly damaging to his literary integrity.

As for the stories themselves, we have no room to analyse them; maybe we can at a future date. There is hardly anything less convincing than that almost from the first moment of contact an invisible "man from Space" should deliver such high-stilted, quasi-philosophical lectures as is done to a half-stunted Fry, or more so, the bewildered reader! It seems to be taken for granted too that these page-long 'dialogues' are true reproductions of what has passed between Fry and his alleged contact even if Fry had written them down immediately after his experience (but published years later)! Moreover, Fry's scientifically oriented mind did not prevent his typically American naiveté from introducing a betraying slang into the conversation. Are "pal" & "buddy" appropriate words to bridge the gap between this civilization of Aylan's, and ours down here? No, even science fiction writers have done better, knowing, that in the situation of a true first contact the human existence is reduced to its simplest terms in expression & communication.

At last, like Fry & many another, Bethurum too is "selected" because of his uniqueness (& with this of course none is "unique" any longer). But then a visionary can be excused from seeing himself as a valuable specimen of this planet's race!